

# HARVESTER FACTORY IN SIGHT FOR PENDLETON; BLEWETT MACHINES WILL BE MADE IN CITY, IS PLAN

## KAISER AT VERDUN FRONT SAYS CITY MUST BE CAPTURED

**Victory Will Open Way for Drive on Paris--Germans Capture Several Outlying Cities, the French Retiring Under Heavy Attacks--In Other Sections German Forces are Repulsed--Both Sides Lose Heavily--French Capital is Only 130 Miles Away.**

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Under the eyes of the Kaiser, the Crown Prince, who has been appointed commander of the armies in Alsace and the Meuse, has forced his way within gun range of the fortress of Verdun. Berlin claimed the capture of towns within six miles from the northern outskirts of the fortress.

Losses on both sides probably have amounted to 60,000 since the prince began his onslaught. The combat is still raging along a 25 mile front north of Verdun, with no sign of weakening.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24.—The Kaiser arrived today on the Verdun front to encourage his men. He addressed them, urging them to conquer Verdun at any cost.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Headquarters announced the capture of Brabant sur Meuse, Hautmont Woods, Samogneux, Jodet and Heerls and also a wooded district northwest of Beaumont. These villages are within a radius of seven miles of Verdun, the forts against which the drive is directed.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The French have evacuated Sur Meuse, eight miles north of Verdun under a heavy attack, a communique admitted. The French also lost a portion of the Caures.

## Council Members Are in Favor of Good Roads Plan

INFORMAL EXPRESSIONS SHOW THEY'LL PROBABLY BACK BOND ISSUE.

Informal expression from members of the city council last evening indicated that, with hardly an exception, they are for the building of good, permanent roads in Umatilla county and will probably favor the proposed bond issue.

At the conclusion of the regular business, Councilman E. J. Murphy brought up the matter of the proposed \$900,000 bond issue, stating it would be interesting to know the attitude of the council upon the subject. He himself made an opening expression strongly in favor of the proposition.

"The idea of 15 year serial bonds meets with my unqualified approval," he stated. "It means that we will not leave the entire indebtedness to be paid for by a future generation while we get the benefits. Under the plan we will take up a certain amount of the bonds each year. A two mill levy, the same that is now made for roads purposes, would be sufficient to take care of the bonds and even if an additional mill were necessary for the

## BOMB EXPLODES IN NEBRASKA CAPITOL BUT NONE INJURED

PLACED IN FURNACE BUT FAILED TO WORK PROPERLY—FIRE EXTINGUISHED.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 24.—A four foot bomb, enclosed in a steel casing, exploded in a furnace used for burning waste at the state capitol last night. Only a portion of the bomb exploded. It was thrown from the furnace against a stone wall, scattering the flames. The janitor put out the fire with an extinguisher.

## Central Allies may Begin War Upon Portugal

SEIZURE OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN SHIPS MAY RESULT IN HOSTILITIES.

LISBON, Feb. 24.—Austria and Germany are expected to declare war upon Portugal immediately as a result of the Portuguese seizure of 35 Austrian and German steamers interned in the Tagus river. The foreign minister announced the vessels were confiscated because Portugal needed transports and feared they would attempt to escape to the Atlantic to raid entente ships.

## Question of Road Will be Taken up With U. S. Bureau

INDIANS TRYING TO BLOCK PLAN FOR COUNTY CONTROL OF MISSION HIGHWAY.

Because the Indians of the Umatilla reservation are seeking to block the move to place the Mission-McKay road under the jurisdiction of the county court, the Commercial association will take the matter up with the bureau of Indian affairs directly. This was decided upon at the special meeting last evening at the request of farmers interested in having the county do work on the road.

The road, about 20 miles in length, leads from Mission past the ranches of John and Claude Crow and Dave Horn and up McKay creek to the post office. The road has been established and in use for many years. However, it has never been turned over to the county and the court refuses to spend money on roads not in their jurisdiction. The consent of all of the Indians along the road had been secured for the transfer but the tribe as a whole refused to sanction it.

The objections of the Indians are that they are amply able to look after their own roads and that the county has not spent much money on the reservation roads already under their jurisdiction. The farmers contend that the Indians themselves do but little work upon their roads, leaving them to the white renters.

Supt. Swartzlander has recommended the transfer of the road to the Indian department and has pointed out the advantages of such a transfer. The Commercial association will also emphasize the need of having the county do work upon this road.

## NEWS SUMMARY

**General.**  
Kaiser on Verdun front tells troops city must be captured at any cost.  
Central allies may declare war on Portugal.

**Local.**  
Pendleton to become home of Blewett harvester.  
U. S. Senate would have county pay half costs of new reservation bridges.  
Councilmen strongly in favor of permanent road work.  
More central band liquor destroyed.

## NO WARNING TO BE ISSUED OVER ARMED VESSELS

Congress Will Suppress Resolution Proposed to Keep Americans from Sailing on Belligerent Ships.

## WILSON WINS 1ST SKIRMISH

Will Not Be Necessary for the President to Appear Before Congress as Predicted Yesterday to Present German-American Situation--Berlin Remaining Silent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—When congress met, indications were that Wilson had won the first skirmish in his fight against the proposed congressional warning of Americans to avoid armed ships. The effort to adopt the resolution will be suppressed. It will not be necessary for Wilson to appear before congress with a message on the German-American situation, as authorities predicted. Representative Flood declared the house committee would not report the warning resolution. Senator Stone, having avoided the opportunity for consideration of the warning question, needed only to guard against oratory. Bernstorff had not received instructions from Berlin about the German course toward the American refusal to consent in the Teuton proclamation of war against armed ships.

Senator Brandegee objected to going speaking in favor of the bill to prevent Americans traveling on armed ships. A unanimous consent was necessary. Despite the fact the rupture prevented a discussion of the bill.

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## Pendleton High to Make Great Effort to Beat La Grande

STUDENTS WILL TURN OUT TO MOURN NIGHT TO ROOT FOR HOME TEAM.

Tomorrow night will see the closing game of the 1915-16 season for the local high school. At this time the La Grande high school quintet will invade Pendleton for the championship of eastern Oregon.

This game is expected to be one of the fastest and best games ever played on the local floor, most certainly the best of the present season. Both teams are in their prime of condition. Last Thursday night on their own floor, La Grande defeated Pendleton 23 to 23, but this score in no way proves the inferiority of the local team. In fact it merely stimulated enough fight in the local lads that they are determined to win from the visitors.

In the last two weeks the high school students have taken on a much enthusiasm that they are all going to be on the side lines to root.

## Water Sales Are \$500 Below Those Made During 1914

DIFFERENCE IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY EXTRA SUPPLY ALLOWED CONSUMERS.

Water sales by the Pendleton water department during the year 1915 yielded the department a revenue of \$20,958.95, according to the annual report of Supt. F. B. Hayes, submitted to the city council last evening. This is about \$500 less than the receipts from water sales during 1914.

This difference is easily accounted for by the fact that consumers last summer were given 1900 gallons more water at the minimum rate than before. Also for several months the department followed the practice of accepting half charges for leakage. The total receipts for the year from all sources including \$49,694.39 from the sale of bonds, was \$91,494.81. From meter rentals \$564.95 was received, from the sale of livestock \$178.90, from registered warrants \$12,012.50 and from miscellaneous sources \$6,786.80.

The total disbursements, including \$22,667.78 paid on the pipe line contract, \$4700 balance on the conduit contract and \$2549 on the reservoirs contract, was \$46,174.90, leaving a cash balance on Jan. 1 of \$1,099.11.

Some of the other items of expense are as follows: Office, \$1160.77; city maintenance, \$368.41; city betterment, \$499.99; meters \$1000; supervision, \$1500; replacement, \$3620.05; interest, \$18,843.56; lawsuit expense \$1944.33; registered warrants, \$12,012.50; reservoir repair \$617.77; gravels operating, \$746.31; bills receivable, \$500.

**Sinking Fund Account.**  
The statement of the sinking fund (Continued on page eight.)

## CONFISCATED LIQUOR POURED INTO GUTTERS

More confiscated liquor was destroyed today by the officers in front of the office of Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes. The liquor consisted of 24 pints and 12 quarts of Chaud wine, seized in the room of Claude Privett, former bartender, during the raid conducted by the county officers. It has been held since while the officers attempted to locate Privett who left the city two days before the raid. Privett is said to be in Montana now and, through his attorney, claimed the wine and gave permission for the law to take its course. However, the two cases of Gordon gin found in his room he declared belonged to another party. The officers are still holding it and, unless someone makes a showing that it was being stored in Privett's room for private use, it, too, will be destroyed. Deputy Sheriffs J. A. Blakely and J. H. Estes destroyed the wine today at noon.

## PRIZE SHIP IS SENT TO BOTTOM BY GERMAN CREW

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Taking no chance of a seizure of their prize, the British steamer Westburn, the German crew dived to sea this morning from Santa Cruz in the Canaries, scuttled the ship, and then escaped in boats. Before the vessel sunk, 200 Finnish prisoners aboard were put safely ashore.

## ITALIAN TRANSPORT SUNK BY AUSTRIAN AEROPLANE

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—An Austrian aeroplane sank an Italian transport carrying troops from Albania in Durazzo harbor. It was announced today.

## Austrians Attack Munition Train in Yards at Tacoma; 2 Are Placed Under Arrest

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 24.—Six Austrians attacked a munition train on the Great Northern in the local freight yards today. After a fight with trainmen, two were captured. They gave their names as Sam Ruskay and John Rosh. They are held in solitary confinement. The train carried automobiles, ammunition and mixed freight, consigned to Seattle to be shipped to Vladivostok for the Russian government. It was detained from Spokane via Portland because of snowslides in the mountains.

## New Industry to Employ 25 Men at Outset, Turning Out 27 Threshers This Season--Machine Has Been Made for Six Years--Many Sold in Umatilla County--Factory is to be Moved Here From Spokane.

The establishment in Pendleton of the Blewett Harvester Co., with a plant giving permanent employment to 25 or more workmen, and turning out a combine harvester that has been in successful use for six years is promised the city provided a small amount of unsold stock is taken by local people.

Consideration of this subject was the occasion for the special Commercial Club meeting last evening and the meeting became an enthusiastic booster meeting for the new industry. Last evening only \$11,500 in stock remained to be disposed of out of a \$100,000 capitalization and after the club had officially endorsed the enterprise President Tallman was authorized to name a committee of three to aid in disposing of this stock.

Prior to the meeting last evening McCook & Bentley, agents for the Blewett machine, had subscribed for \$10,000 in stock and the sum of \$500 each had been pledged by W. L. Thompson, F. E. Judd, H. D. Gray, J. F. Robinson, The East Oregonian Pub. Co., Raley & Raley and R. Alexander. It is believed that the remaining stock can be quickly disposed of here and thus the enterprise assured.

**To Build at Once.**  
The company has been investigating local sites and when the financial arrangements are completed will proceed at once to the construction of buildings and the assembling of machinery and other equipment. It is the expectation of the company to turn out 27 machines this year and orders have already been received for a portion of this output. Next year 50 machines will be built.

The Blewett harvester has been built in Spokane for the past six years. For five years it was manufactured by the Northwest Harvester Co., a subsidiary of the Holt company, and A. R. Blewett was the manager of the company. Last year the machine was built in Spokane by the Blewetts, acting on an independent basis. All told there are 160 Blewett harvesters in use and of this number 37 are owned in Umatilla county, six of that number having been sold here last year. The harvester is highly praised as a practical and successful machine.

The company desires to locate in Pendleton because of closer proximity to the wheat section where the market for harvesters is found. There is also an advantage in freight rates over the Spokane location and a further advantage in the fact the company will be able to secure considerable repair and foundry work here.

## Wheat Continues on Downward Tendency

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—(Special)—May \$1.25 5-8, \$1.17 1-2; July \$1.19 3-8, \$1.14 5-8 asked.

**Portland.**  
PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Club 88, 95 asked; bluestem, \$1.00 \$1.04 asked.

**Liverpool.**  
LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—Wheat—Spot No. 2 hard winter new, 11s 10d. No. spot No. 1 wheat in the market. In American terms the Liverpool price for spot No. 2 is \$2.11 per bushel.

**Portland, Ore., Feb. 24.**—All grades of local flour drops 25 cents a barrel tomorrow in sympathy with the decline in wheat, which dropped two to four cents.

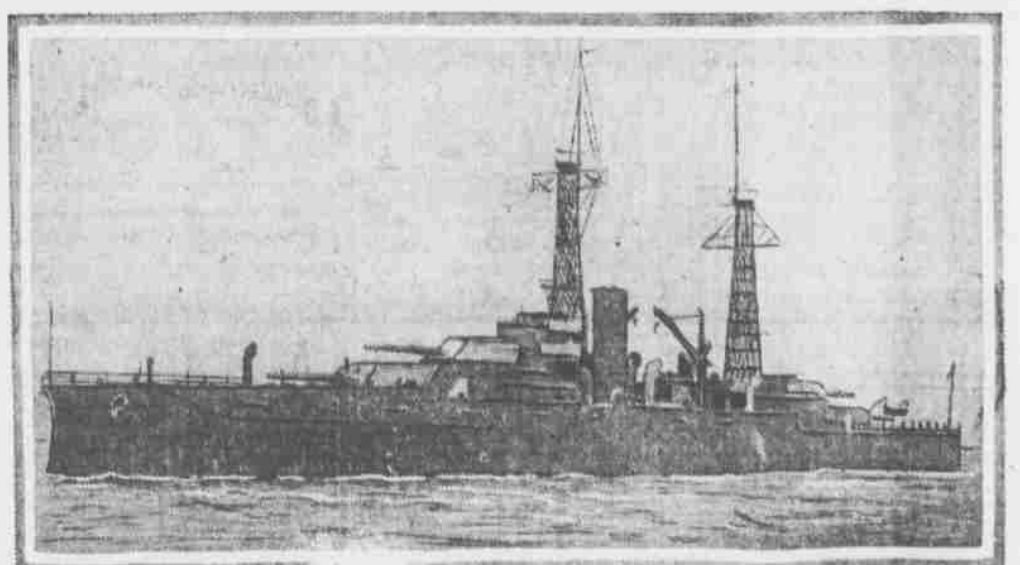
**Chicago, Feb. 24.**—Due to nervousness over the German diplomatic situation May wheat dropped six cents to \$1.17 1-2.

Many of the principal cities of the province of Ontario have organized free night schools for the benefit of the general public. Half the cost for teachers and equipment is paid by the province and half by the city.

According to the judge, he heard politics discussed in many places in various places. He found people generally supporting the president without much reference to particular ship. He heard many different republicans, often men of prominence, saying they will vote for him. He heard no democratic talking against Wilson and says it is believed that while Bryan will fight the preparedness program he will be found enthusiastic for Wilson's reelection when the time comes. He heard numerous republicans denouncing Roosevelt and he believes that the party will again be split if Roosevelt should become the nominee.

Judge Maloney was in San Diego during the big flood there and saw immense damage was done though the loss of life was less than reported. The water flooded the principal part of the city and according to the judge the street in front of the place where he roomed was so badly washed out that it would have "held a box car."

## U. S. Battleship Leaves for Speed Trials



U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA.

The photograph shows the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, the latest and largest vessel in the American navy leaving for her trial trips off the coast at Rockland, Me. The Pennsylvania is considered by naval experts to be the most powerful fighting vessel afloat.